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ELECTOUR of *Brandenburgh.*

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*DENMARK.*

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*The Declaration of the Prince Ele-  
ctor of Brandenburg.*

**W**E *Frederick Wilhelm* by the Grace of God Mar-  
quesse of *Brandenburgh*, Arch-Chamberlain and  
Prince Elector of the Sacred Roman Empire,  
Duke of *Magdenbourgh*, *Prussia*, *Fuliers*, *Cleve*, *Berg-  
hen*, *Stettin*, *Pomerania*, *Cassubians* and *Vandals*; as also of  
*Silesia*, *Crossen* and *Fagerndorf*, Burgrave of *Nurembergh*,  
Duke of *Halberstade* and *Minden*, Earl of *Marck* and *Ra-  
wenbergh*, Lord of *Ravensteyn*; Do by these our Letters-  
Patent, make known to all and every to whom these pre-  
sents shall come; more especially to all and every the Sub-  
jects of the Dukedome of *Holsteyn*, and of the Duke-  
domes and Lands thereunto belonging, and bordering up-  
on the same, according to their severall States and Qua-  
lities: That whereas the Illustrious Prince *Frederick* the  
third King of *Denmark*, *Norway*, of the *Vandals* and  
*Goths*, Duke of *Sleswick*, *Holsteyn*, *Stormarn* and *Ditmar-  
schen*, Earl of *Oldenbourgh* and *Delmbors*, &c. Hath at large  
made known not only unto his Imperial Majesty, but also un-  
to us, both by writing and verbally by several of his Amba-  
sadours or Envoyes, the manner of proceeding of his Roy-  
al Majesty of *Sweden*, who notwithstanding that the War  
in the year last past commenced between the two Crowns  
of *Denmark* and *Sweden*, was in the Moneth of *February*  
last past, by the Interposition of the King of *France*, and  
of the Protector of *England*, by Gods help and assistance  
surceased and ended by a stedfast and irrevocable Peace,  
which was not highly advantageous to *Sweden*, and all  
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things were performed, which] on the Danish part were to be performed; and in Conformity to the Agreements and ~~Partitions~~ <sup>Partitions</sup>, not only the Places by them possessed, were evacuated and quitted, but also *Schoonen*, *Bleykingen* and other considerable Provinces, Forts and Places were surrendred unto the *Suedes*, and further in all particulars full satisfaction and consent was given to the Articles of Agreement. Inasmuch, that over and besides all the Premises, accommodation and condiscension was made, even unto new and unreasonable pretences. Yet His said Swedish Majesty, not regarding on his part the matters above related, amongst sundry other groundless and studied pretences, hath not only from time to time refused to quit the Forts of *Fredericks* ~~valle~~, and the Island of *Funeo*, and to dislodge his Forces out of *Denmark* and *Holstejn*, as it was agreed upon by the Instrument of Peace; and hath also with his whole Army incessantly oppressed, and totally exhausted the Subjects of *Denmark*, but hath also anew, without any cause given, and without any precedent denunciation or clarification, with the greatest part of the Swedish Army, and with a Fleet of Ships assailed the same, in the Island of *Zealand*, and hath already, for the space of six weeks, beleaguered the Royal Residence of *Copenhagen* and *Cronenburg* therein situate; and hath also attempted to surprize and take the Fortresses situate in the Dukedome of *Holstejn*; and inasmuch as such his design succeeded not, He doth untill this present keep them blockaded up, and hath moreover taken Prisoners, and evil entreated the King of *Denmarks* principal Ministers, and his Civil and Military Officers, who did remain in and upon their Offices and Estates without apprehension of any disturbance; and besides all that which is before expressed, doth with fire and flame destroy all that is in the Land, and therein proceedeth in a more then barbarous manner, such

as the like thereof hath never been heard of, or before this time practised amongst Christian Potentates: We being thereupon desired to joyn our Forces with those of His Imperial Majesty, and cordially to embrace this business, as concerning the welfare of the general or publique Cause, and the re-establishment of the Peace, and effectually to relieve His Royal Dignity in these undeserved hostilities and oppressions, without any loss of time.

And forasmuch as on the behalf of His above-mentioned Imperial Majesty, as being the Supreme Head and Defender of the Empire, and of the Provinces and Lands thereunto belonging, such a Force is committed unto Us wherewithall to repulse such violent and oppressive attempts; and We are assured that His Imperial Majesty together with the whole Empire; with their united power will endeavour the same, and will contribute whatsoever may conduce and be advantageous for the repelling of this disastrous mischief, and for the preservation of a settled peace in the Empire. So it is that We also for so much as concerneth Us, could not any longer be spectators of these proceedings which are contrary to the Law of all Nations, and fore-runners of consequences so horrid and highly formidable; But forasmuch as the business cannot admit of the least protraction or delay, We have found out selves necessitated to the utmost of our power to maintain His above-mentioned Royal Majesty, as being a Prince, who is our neighbour and Allie, and whose Territories and Subjects being within the Verge of the sacred Roman Empire, are at present oppressed in such an injurious manner: And to that end to put in execution that which may tend to the Freedome and Deliverance of the same, as We have accordingly resolved, and are already engaged in the Expedition for *Holslein* to that purpose, with the Forces of His said Imperial Majesty and our own, and shall undertake whatsoever may tend to the preservation of

the oppressed, the suppressing of all hostile violence, and  
restoration of a settled and assured Peace.

And forasmuch as this Expedition is not intended for the  
burchening, or unjust oppression of any one, but is only un-  
dertaken to the end before expressed. So it is, That We  
do assuredly and indubiously hope and expect, That by the  
premises all persons whatsoever may sufficiently perceive  
the inevitable necessity and most weighty Motives which have  
enforced Us unto this March; and that in consideration  
thereof, they will not only acknowledge such our good in-  
tention, but will also to their uttermost power second, and  
as much as in them lieth, promote the reducing of peace and  
quietnesse; and especially, without any refusal, will accord-  
ing to their ability, supply whatsoever victuals and other ne-  
cessaries shall be required for the subsistence of the Imperial,  
and of our own Armies, thereby to prevent all disorders and  
insolencies: And forasmuch as We are resolved generally  
to observe a good and strict Discipline, and not to permit any  
the least insolency of the Souldiery, but with due and effect-  
ual punishment to suppress all disorders; Therefore all per-  
sons whatsoever may quietly remain at home both in the  
Countrey and in the Cities, and there follow their trades  
and domestique occupations, resting assured that they shall  
therein be protected, and need not to **fear any** inconvenience  
or damage; and the like good order the Imperial Generals  
will also in all places observe and cause to be observed.  
And albeit there are some strangers of the Polish Nation who  
do accompany these Armies, yet there is no just occasion to  
be afraid of them; but all persons may rest assured, that on  
all parts a strict Discipline shall be observed, and that no-  
thing besides necessary sustenance shall be required; not  
shall the Souldiery by stealing, plundering, burning, or other  
miscarriages destructive to the Land, incommode or drive  
away any person from his own, but shall rather protect, and

in the best manner defend all persons from and against such outrages.

And as all persons whatsoever may rest confident hereof, We do also hope that in regard thereof, they will in all places duely behave themselves, and will without refusal permit a free March and re-March in such manner as We shall find it expedient, and as it shall be ordained by the Generals and Officers, and as the occasion and reason of Warre shall require; and that they will not act any thing prejudiciall to our Troopes or Forces, but rather will be assistant unto them, in all their Enterprises and Executions, with all necessary help and assistance; and in pursuance thereof, will demonstrate that they are concerned in the best manner to promote the publique Cause: But if any contrary to the premises, and beyond Our expectation, shall offer to make opposition against Us or Ours, he may impute unto himself alone, all such inconveniencies and damages as thereupon shall or may accrew unto him. And according to the premises, all and every Person and Persons are to regulate themselves: And these Presents being Imprinted and the Copies thereof, shall be accounted of equall Validitude with the Originall.

Given at *Wittenbergh*, in the Duke-dome of *Mecklenburg*, the <sup>22</sup>/<sub>27</sub> of *September*, in the Year 1658.  
Signed *Frederich Wilhelm*.

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in the best manner defend all persons from the greatest insult  
outrage.

And as all persons whatsoever may use constant heroism  
We do therefore think it right that they shall in all pla-  
ces carry banners, standards, and will without refusal permit  
a free March and review in such manner as We shall think  
it expedient, and as it shall be ordained by the Generals and  
Officers, and as the occasion and reason of War shall re-  
quire; and that they will not do any thing prejudicial to our  
Troops, Forces, but rather will be still in readiness  
in all their Equipages and Accoutrements, with all necessary  
help and assistance; and in performance thereof, will demon-  
strate that they are concerned in the best manner to promote  
the public Good: And if any contrary to the premises  
shall do, Our expectation shall be a severe one, and that  
against life or Limb, he may incur the punishment of  
such inconsequence and damages as the Court shall think  
acrew warlike. And according to the premises, all and e-  
very Person and Persons are to regulate themselves: And  
the Persons being punished and the Court thereof, shall  
be accounted of equal Value with the Civil will.

Given at Whitehall, in the Duke-dome of Buck-  
ingham, the 11 of September, in the Year 1698.  
Signed Frederick Twiss.